

Overview

The 2011 Legislature has proposed a Health Care budget totaling \$29.9 billion which is a \$1.4 billion (5.03 percent) increase over the 2010-11 fiscal year and includes approximately \$2.1 billion in state funds to cover the resulting cost of changes to the Medicaid federal match rate. Total funding includes \$7 billion in General Revenue and \$22.9 billion in trust funds. The budget includes funding for 35,686.25 authorized positions which is a reduction of 1,185.5 (3.22 percent) positions over the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Key Issues

- Includes approximately \$2.1 billion in state funds for stimulus depletion due to a change in the Medicaid federal match rate.
- Provides \$2,051.3 million in order to restore the Medically Needy for Adults and Medicaid for the Aged and Disabled (MEDS AD) programs which serve approximately 46,096 beneficiaries in the Medically Needy program and 42,115 beneficiaries in the MEDS AD program monthly.
- Provides \$36.2 million to fully fund the anticipated growth in the Kidcare Program for the 2011-12 fiscal year. Funding is expected to serve an additional 22,848 children, an 8 percent growth rate.
- Provides \$17.8 million for an additional 1,000 slots in the nursing home diversion program funded by a reduction in the nursing home line item. This funding will bring total slots to 18,350 and will allow over 19,000 individuals to be served in the 2011-12 fiscal year.
- Provides \$12.1 million for full restoration of community-based services for elders such as Local Services Programs and Alzheimer's disease projects with recurring funds.
- Provides \$2.7 million to support the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) by funding 150 slots in, Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties, as well as 50 slots in Lee County and 75 additional slots in Pinellas County.
- Restores \$73 million to the Florida Department of Children and Families with \$69.4 million in General Revenue for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and \$3.9 million in General Revenue for Maintenance Adoption Subsidies.

Breakdown

Agency for Health Care Administration

- \$22.3 billion budget, which is an increase of \$1.5 billion (7.14 percent) over the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Florida Department of Elder Affairs

- \$758.1 million budget, which is an increase of \$28.7 million (3.93 percent) over the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Florida Department of Veterans Affairs

- \$88.6 million budget, which is an increase of \$7.2 million (8.92 percent) over the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Department of Children and Families

- \$2.9 billion budget, which is an overall decrease of \$54.3 million (1.84 percent) over the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

- \$1,014.9 million budget, which is an overall decrease of \$955,779 (.09 percent) over the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Department of Health

- \$2.9 billion budget, which is an overall decrease of \$32.5 million (1.1 percent) under the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.
- General Revenue decrease of \$78.2 million (16.47 percent) under the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation.

Key Issues cont.

- Provides \$54.5 million to address a deficit in the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver for the Developmentally Disabled.
- Reduces Hospital Rates by 12 percent, County Health Department Rates by 10 percent, Nursing Home Rates by 6.5 percent, Institutional Care for the Developmentally Disabled Rates by 3 percent, and Children's and Rural Hospital Rates by 3 percent. Provides trust fund authority to enable local governments to use local funds to restore reductions to hospital systems through the use of these intergovernmental transfers.
- Medicaid Non Emergency Transportation Rates were reduced by 7 percent; \$4.6 million total, of which \$2 million is General Revenue. Reduces non-emergent transportation provided through contract with the Florida Commissioner for the Transportation Disadvantaged.
- Reduces statewide administration within the Department of Children & Families by 273 positions (4 percent) and \$18.1 million in General Revenue for total reduction of \$20.3 million.
- Reduces the Mental Health Civil Commitment program by 222 positions (10 percent) and \$8.6 million in General Revenue for a total reduction of \$9.4 million.
- Reduces the Mental Health Forensic Commitment program by 275 positions (16 percent) and \$16.5 million in General Revenue for a total reduction of \$16.6 million.
- Provides \$3 million in Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Program Trust Fund for 257 additional waiver slots.
- Provides \$56.2 million to increase reimbursement rates to dental providers for services provided to children. Payment rates will be increased by approximately 48.6 percent.
- Provides \$30 million for biomedical research funding to James and Esther King (\$5 million), Bankhead/Coley (\$10 million), H. Lee Moffitt (\$5 million), Sylvester Cancer Center (\$5 million), and Shands Cancer Hospital (\$5 million).

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